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Kanaka Jayanti celebrated in city

M.K. Somashekar, former MLA and President of Santha Sri Kanakadasa Jayantotsava Samiti, leading the procession in city this morning.

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (MTY&DM)-A grand and colourful procession marked the 537th Kanakadasa Jayanti celebrations organised jointly by the District Administration, Department of Kannada and Culture, Santha Sri Kanakadasa Jayantotsava Samiti and other organisations in city this morning.

MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah flagged off the procession in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Mysore Palace North Gate by showering flower petals to *Nandi Dhwaja* and the statue of Saint Kanakadasa placed atop a decorated vehicle.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Yathindra said Kanakadasa Jayanti is being celebrated in a grand manner for the past several years. He appealed the people to follow the preachings of the Saint for building an egalitarian society.

(See KANAKA on page 6)

Home Minister hints at disciplinary action against Waqf Minister Zameer

Dr. Parameshwara *Zameer*

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (RK&DM)-With the ruling Congress facing embarrassment over Minister for Housing, Waqf and Minority Welfare B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan's controversial and damaging remarks, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara stated that the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) could refer the matter to the Party's Disciplinary Committee for action.

During his poll campaign in Channapatna, for the recent Assembly by-poll, Zameer Ahmed referred Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy as 'Kaalia' and had said that Muslims can buy the entire family of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda.

Speaking to reporters at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road this morning, Dr. Parameshwara, who arrived in the city on a private visit, acknowledged that even the KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar himself admitted Zameer's remarks had hurt the party. Even a few party leaders have said that Zameer's statement had an impact on the recently held by-election.

He noted that the Disciplinary Committee, led by Minister Rahim Khan, could take necessary action following an investigation. Highlighting his earlier tenure as the head of the Disciplinary Committee, Dr. Parameshwara mentioned that he had previously summoned party leaders — irrespective of seniority and status — for their controversial statements and if necessary, even suspended them upon verification of charges.

'Re-investigation into 40 percent charge'

Commenting on the Lokayukta probe report into the 40 percent commission allegations by the Karnataka Contractors Association against the previous BJP Government, Dr. Parameshwara said the Government was open to re-investigation.

"We need to understand on what basis the Lokayukta concluded there was no evidence. A decision on re-investigation will be made after further examination," he stated.

(See MINISTER on page 6)

Hundreds pay last respects to Yoga Guru Sharath Jois

Cremation held at Gokulam

Sharath Jois

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (RK&KS)-Hundreds of people paid their last respects to internationally acclaimed Yoga Guru R. Sharath Jois, whose body was brought to city late yesterday night from US.

Sharath Jois passed away at Virginia in the USA on Nov. 11 following which Sharath's wife Shruthi Jois and son Sambhav Jois left for the USA to bring back the body. The mortal remains arrived at Bengaluru in a flight from where it was shifted to Mysuru in an ambulance last night.

The mortal remains were kept at Sharath's residence on 5th Main Road in VV Mohalla since 7 am today where hundreds of people including Adichunchanagiri Mysuru Branch Mutt Seer Sri Somanatheshwara Swamiji, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, former MP Pratap Simha, a large number of foreign students, friends, well-wishers and others paid their last respects.

At 1 pm, the body was shifted to Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam where the last rites were performed.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda, K. Harishgowda and T.S. Srivatsa and others have condoled the untimely demise of Sharath Jois.

[See PHOTO on page 6]

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 18th November 2024

Apprenticeship training in journalism for graduates

Mysuru, Nov. 18- Department of Information and Public Relations has invited applications from graduates or post-graduates in journalism for one-year apprenticeship training at its District Office, under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP), for the year 2024-25. One each of SC and ST student will be selected for the training.

The applicants should have obtained degree or post-graduate degree in journalism from a University, should possess computer knowledge and have a mastery over Kannada language.

The candidates will be selected through interview on the basis of merit. The applicants should be aged below 35 years, coinciding with the last date to submit the application. The monthly stipend of Rs. 15,000 will be given during the period of training and there is no provision to select the same candidate under the scheme for another year. If candidates meeting the criteria are not available in any of the district, the candidates from neighbouring district will be considered for training.

Last date to apply is Nov. 30. The application can be obtained from the Office of Deputy Director, Department of Information and Public Relations, Dhanvantri road in the city and the duly filled in application should be submitted along with relevant documents.

For further details contact Ramesh on Mob: 98443-93691, according to a press release by the Assistant Director of Information and Public Relations Department T.K. Harish.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

PAIN OFTEN BRINGS GAINS: ***Pain is an experience that is common to all of us and recognises no age. We have heard it said that pain shared is pain halved but we are also encouraged to think that the truly heroic keep it to themselves. They grin and bear it and thus avoid troubling others. Which of these two assertions is closer to the truth? Today's evidence clearly points out that it is best not to be secretive about pain, for this is what proves beneficial. There are two kinds of pain — the physical one and the emotional one. Suppression of either can reach dangerous levels. We all know of people who ignore pain as long as possible and then seek help.***

Often though, the results of tolerance are devastating. They are long past the point of recovery and this proves damaging to the sufferer as well as his loved ones. Openness, on the other hand, leads to helpful advice and quick recovery. We see that physical pain has a valid, positive point. It tells us what to do and what not to do. It is indeed a wonderful, automatic alarm system.

Emotional pain is harder to bear but operates on the same lines. It is a warning to change one's way of thinking. When hurt or let down by someone, the message to heed is, 'Love those in your Life without any expectations. Do not judge them.' Also, 'Don't let their actions take away your self-esteem.'

Pain causes us to change direction. It makes us look at things differently. At this stage, therapists can prove to be great help. They are trained to be good listeners and can offer great guidance. However, not everyone can afford to consult a therapist. In such a case, friends and family who care and know you prove to be the best listeners of all.

Many turn inward when in pain. They do not want to bare their soul to someone else. But talking things out is invaluable. Innate in this exercise is the sympathy and kindness of the listener. It triggers feelings of understanding and forgiveness in the victim. It loosens and lightens his heart and spirits. What is more, his pain becomes less and he feels spiritually rejuvenated!

—Leela Ramaswamy in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

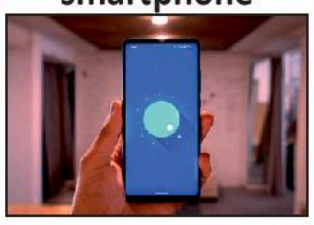
Man walks into prayer meet held in his memory

Naroda (Ahmedabad): Forty-three-year-old Brijesh Suthar went missing from his home in Naroda on Oct. 27 and his family looked for him everywhere, but could not locate him. They then filed a missing complaint with Police.

On Nov. 10, a body was found near Sabarmati bridge and members of his family were called to identify the body, which had decomposed by then. The body's physique resembled that of Suthar and his relatives presumed it was his.

The family cremated the body and organised a prayer meet on Friday for their departed son. But then, Brijesh walked into the ceremony, leaving his family members and Cops shocked. Police are now probing who the body belonged to as Brijesh's family struggles to cope with the bizarre turn of events.

Researchers detect spoiled milk with smartphone



Sydney: Australian scientists at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) have developed a method of accurately checking if milk has gone bad by using a smartphone.

The ubiquitous gadget is getting new functionalities virtually every day. On of the most ingenious ways you'll probably be able to use your smartphone in the near future to test if milk has gone bad, either in the comfort of your own kitchen, or at the store, without having to open the container. Researchers at UNSW Computer Science and Engineering recently developed a new smartphone sensor called VibMilk that relies on the gadget's vibration motor and Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) to check freshness of milk without opening the container. The high-tech method could one day curb the current 20 percent waste of dairy products.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Quality sleep is essential for physical and mental health. Aim for 7-8 hours of sleep each night.

By Dr. Satish Kumar M.G - Consultant - Internal Medicine
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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Entrepreneurship development training from tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 18- Centre for Entrepreneurship Development Karnataka (CEDOK) is organising a 10-day Entrepreneurship Development training programme for those who are looking for self-employment opportunities, in association with Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, Government of Karnataka. The training programme will start from Nov.19.

Training about various aspects of entrepreneurship development, self-employment programmes, methods to be followed to become self-employed, market survey, Bank transactions, project report and management will be imparted during the programme.

Men and women in the age group of 18 to 45 years will be given preference. Those interested can get applications from Joint Director, CEDOK Office, CTI Building, Sayyaji Rao Road in the city.

For details contact Mob: 63616-11136 or 73534-74649, according to a press release.

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REALLY...?

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Mrs. Ganguly: *Why do you always come to my house for food?* ***Beggar:*** *The Doctor's orders, madam.*

Mrs. Ganguly: *Doctor's orders??* ***Beggar:*** *He told me that when I found food that agreed with me, I should stick to it!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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VOICE OF THE READER

Street lights needed along Kukkarahalli walking path

Sir,

I am a resident of Bogadi, and my wife and I are regular walkers. Our routine includes a walk either in the morning or evening, ensuring we cover at least 5 km daily to maintain physical and mental fitness. Typically, we take our walk in the evening after completing the day's work.

This evening, as usual, we set out for our walk but started later than usual. We decided to take a longer walk alongside the peaceful shores of Kukkarahalli Lake. It was 5.45 pm, and being winter, darkness set in early. By the time we reached the midpoint of the walking path, it was 6.15 pm and the surroundings were noticeably darker.

To our surprise, we observed numerous enthusiastic walkers, both middle-aged and young, continuing their routine without any fear or anxiety. Girls/ women, dressed in their walking attire, walked confidently despite the darkness, as did boys/ men.

I couldn't help but admire the courage of these women, particularly as they walked in an environment that could induce fear due to dim lighting, mosquitoes, and overcast skies.

Given the reports of unruly incidents in various places, it struck me how much safer and more reassuring it would be if the path around the lake were equipped with street-lights, ideally a combination of solar and electrical lighting.

Adequate lighting would enhance the confidence of all walkers alike and allow them to enjoy their evening exercise with greater peace of mind.

I appeal to the authorities through your platform to consider installing street lights around Kukkarahalli Lake. Such an investment in public infrastructure would be meaningful, promoting safety and encouraging more people to engage in healthy outdoor activities.

—S.R. Raghuram
Bogadi 2nd Stage
14.11.2024

Apollo BGS Hospitals successfully completes 100 liver transplants

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (KS) - Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, the only multi-organ transplant centre in the region, has achieved a major milestone by completing 100 liver transplants.

A pioneer in organ transplantation in the region, this hospital obtained its license for kidney transplants in 2003, followed by liver transplants in 2017. In 2020, it secured the license to perform multi-organ transplants, becoming the region's first licensed Organ Transplant Centre (OTC).

The hospital's high transplant success rate is attributed to its expert in-house surgeons, a dedicated multidisciplinary team comprising transplant specialists, anaesthetists, intensivists and physicians, alongside an eminent pool of surgeons.

The hospital has highly sophisticated and well-designed operation theatres (OT), which are essential for optimising patients before transplantation. The hospital features dedicated ICUs to ensure superior post-operative care. Advanced laboratories enable comprehensive tests and investigations. Cutting-edge radiology facilities ensure accurate diagnostics and monitoring. These facilities make Apollo BGS Hospitals a leading choice for organ transplants.

N.G. Bharateesha Reddy, Vice-President & Unit Head, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru; Dr. Rajkumar P. Wadhwa, Chief Gastroenterologist and Head of the Institutes of Gastroenterology; Dr. Jayanth Reddy, Senior Consultant, Comprehensive Liver Care, HPB Surgery & Multi-organ Transplant Surgeon; Dr. Sanjay Govil, Senior Consultant, Gastroenterology, Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery and Liver Transplantation; Dr. Sandeep Satsangi, Senior Consultant, Hepatologist & Liver Transplant Physician; Dr. Aathira Ravindranath, Consultant, Paediatric Gastroenterology and Dr. Sagar Narayan, Associate Consultant, Liver Transplant Surgeon, who were present at the press conference, highlighted their expertise and the hospital's remarkable milestone of completing 100 liver transplants.

Calling youths to serve as 'Yuva Samalochakas' and 'Yuva Parivarthakas'

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (VNS) - Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) has invited applications from youths to serve as 'Yuva Samalochakas' and 'Yuva Parivarthakas' for a special programme jointly announced by DYES and Centre for Public Health, Department of Epidemiology, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, in Mysuru district.

Candidates who are interested to work as Yuva Samalochakas must have completed M.Sc (Psychology) or MSW (Social Work) or any degree. For Yuva Parivarthakas, candidates must have passed any degree. Those in the age group of 35 years, proficient in Kannada oral communication and inter-personal communication and has the ability to train the youths in community can apply.

Preference will be given to candidates from Periyapatna, Hunsur, K.R. Nagar, H.D. Kote, Nanjangud and T. Narasipur.

Interested can send their details along with a copy of their marks card to Yuva Spandana Kendra, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Nazarbad, Mysuru, within 5 pm on Nov. 27. For details, contact DYES Office on Ph: 0821-2564179 or Yuva Spandana Kendra PRO B.C. Anand on Mob: 96321-04204, according to a press release from DYES Assistant Director Bhaskar Nayak.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Technical Skills

Under its AITT, SCP and TSP programmes for SC & ST residents of Karnataka, the State Government has invited applications from eligible male and female candidates for job-oriented free Technical Skill Development Training courses. The applicants must be in the age group of 16 to 45 years and the last date of submitting applications is Nov. 29. Applications are invited for the following Skill Development Training courses: Tool Design Post Diploma; Tool Room Mechanist, Tool and Dye Maker, CNC Technology and CMM, CNC Programmer – VMC/ Turning, Designer Mechanical CAD/ CAM, Electrician, Conventional Machines and Quality Inspector, CNC Machine Operator – Turning/ Milling, Product Design Engineer – CAD/CAM, Quality Inspector. For further details, contact Mob: 99454-42654 or 99008-64686, according to a press release from CEO-Coordinator of Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC).

Training in Export Management

Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC), Bengaluru, in association with District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru, has organised a 6-day Export Management Training Programme for entrepreneurs from Dec. 2 to 7 at The President Hotel on B.N. Road, Mysuru. Interested entrepreneurs & businessmen can register at the VTPC Mysuru Centre or e-mail: *vtpcmysore@gmail.com* or call Mob: 94818-15035.

Debate contest

Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Vidyarthinilaya (Student Hostel) will be conducting an Inter-Hostel Debate Competition on the topic 'Are life values falling due to social media' for JSS Hostel students at JSS Vidyarthi Nilaya, near RTO Office, Vani Vilas Road, Chamarajapuram, at 5 pm on Nov. 20. Only two students from each Hostel can take part. Hostels are asked to send names of the contestants by Nov. 19. [Mob: 87225-59668 or 98867-96910].

Ph.D awardee

M.K. Monika has been awarded Ph.D in Life Sciences by the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Validation of Bioactive Molecules from Artocarpus Altilis as ACE Inhibitors for the Treatment of Hypertension Using in Silico, In Vitro and In Vivo Model Systems' submitted under the guidance of Dr. J.M. Siddesha.

BEML DGM found dead under mysterious circumstances

Body found hanging in the watchman shed of an under-construction building

Deceased Mohan Rao

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (SBD&KS)- Mystery shrouds death of the Deputy General Manager (DGM) of Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), whose body was found hanging at the watchman shed of the under-construction KEB Bhavan building near Dattagalli Ring Road yesterday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Mohan Rao, who was residing with his wife at an apartment on Bogadi-Gaddige Road in city, while his daughter is working in Bengaluru and used to visit her parents often.

Following holidays, Mohan's daughter had come home and yesterday at about 7.45 am, Mohan informed that he was going to work and left the house.

According to Mohan's daughter, when she called him over the phone at about 11.52 am, her father is said to have told her that he was busy and would call her after some time besides informing her that he would come home late.

When Mohan's daughter called him at about 2.25 pm, her father's mobile phone was switched off following which she called her father's colleagues, who informed her that her father had not come to work today.

Shocked on learning that her father had not gone to work, Mohan's daughter, along with others, began to search for him and found his car parked near KEB Junction in front of Sa Ra Convention Hall on the Outer Ring Road but did not find Mohan inside the car. When they continued their search, they found Mohan hanging in the watchman shed of the under-construction building. Mohan had used a saree to hang himself.

In her complaint, Mohan's daughter has stated that her father was working in BEML since 30 years and used to speak about work pressure with his family members and has expressed doubts that her father may have taken the extreme step for the same reason.

Kuvempunagar Inspector Arun, who has registered a case in this regard, said that deceased Mohan Rao's daughter, in her complaint, has urged the Police to investigate to know the reason for his death and added that a case has been registered and investigation is underway.

Death of 3 girl students in Mangaluru swimming pool

Bodies brought to Mysuru today

Nischitha

Parvathi

Keerthana

Mysuru/ Mangaluru, Nov. 18 (MTY&KS)- The bodies of three girl students, who got drowned in a swimming pool of a resort coming under Ullal Police limits yesterday, have been brought to city this noon.

The three deceased girl students are M.D. Nishitha alias Nischitha (21), daughter of Mallesh and a resident of Kurubarahalli, S. Parvathi (20), daughter of M.N. Srinivas and a resident of Ramanuja Road in Agrahara and N. Keerthana (21), daughter of Naveen Kumar and a resident of Hebbal 2nd Stage. They were all pursuing their Engineering course at a private Engineering College in city.

It is learnt that the parents of the three deceased girls reached Mangaluru yesterday night and lodged a complaint at Ullal Police Station following which resort owner Manohar was taken into custody.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) B.P. Dinesh Kumar, speaking to *SOM* this morning, said that post-mortem was conducted yesterday night upon the arrival of the deceased girls' family members from Mysuru and the bodies were handed over after completing legal procedures.

The last rites will be performed later in the day today.

Resort sealed; owner taken into Police custody

Preliminary investigations revealed that rules were not being followed at the resort's swimming pool following which the Police took resort owner Manohar into their custody and temporarily sealed the resort.

Mangaluru City Police Commissioner Anupam Agarwal said that the three girls ventured into the swimming pool at 10 am on Sunday. He said that one of the girls ventured to the depth portion of the swimming pool and was drowning and added that as the three girls did not know swimming, they were drowned.

Stating that there were no life guards at the resort and there was no board mentioning the depth of the swimming pool, the Police Commissioner also said that even as the girls screamed for help none had come to the rescue, which is being investigated.

Five Indira Canteens served notices for not maintaining hygiene & cleanliness

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (BLU&KS)- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Department has issued notices to five Indira Canteens for not maintaining hygiene and cleanliness in the canteen.

As there were reports that hygiene and cleanliness were not being maintained in Indira Canteens, FSSAI Commissioner Srinivas had instructed the Department officials to conduct inspections of Indira Canteens across the State.

In this backdrop, the FSSAI officials conducted sudden inspection of all 12 Indira Canteens across the city, collected samples of the food being served in these canteens and sent them for testing to a laboratory. Also, during the inspection, the officials found that five Indira Canteens had not maintained hygiene and cleanliness besides not following certain rules and issued notices to the five Canteens.

The FSSAI officials conducted inspection of a total of 125 Indira Canteens across the State, collected 190 food samples which have been sent to a laboratory for testing. A few Canteens, which lacked hygiene and cleanliness, were issued notices.

FSSAI Commissioner Srinivas said that based on the report of food samples from the laboratory, action will be taken if flaws were found in the quality of the food samples.

Obituary

Vedanth Basu

Mysuru, Nov. 18- Vedanth Basu (9), son of K. Basappa, Accounts Superintendent at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Karnataka State Audit and Accounts Department and a resident of D. Salundi in the taluk, passed away following prolonged illness on Saturday.

He leaves behind his father, mother Kalamma (Anasuya), sister Inchara Basu and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held on Saturday night, according to family sources.

Withdrawing BPL cards to snatch food from 11 lakh families: HDK

Congress Govt. hiked taxes, power tariff but does not have money for development: Union Minister

Bengaluru, Nov. 18 (Agencies)-

Kumaraswamy

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) on Sunday criticised the Karnataka Congress Government, accusing it of bankrupting the State through financial mismanagement and poor administration.

"The State has not gone bankrupt solely due to the guarantees, but due to financial mismanagement and improper administration, the treasury has been depleted, pushing the State into a debt trap," he said.

He flayed mismanagement of welfare schemes, stating, "11 lakh BPL cards are being converted to APL cards, effectively taking food from 11 lakh families. People are questioning this move. Central Government has not cut rice supply to State, but due to State's errors, APL card holders now have to buy rice at higher prices. Isn't that true?"

Where is the money going?

HDK continued, "Initially, they promised free benefits for all, then added conditions. Now, they're playing a BPL and APL drama to shift the burden from the Government. Spending Rs. 52,000 crore annually on five guarantees is fine, but what about money from tax hikes? The State is now borrowing Rs. 1.5 lakh crore. Who will repay these loans and interest? Ultimately, the burden will fall on the people."

HDK raised concerns over financial management, noting, "Massive tax collections are happening. Since taking office, this Government has consistently raised taxes and charges. They claim to spend Rs. 52,000-60,000 crore annually on guarantees, but where is the rest of the taxpayers' money? Shouldn't they answer this?"

He elaborated, "Stamp duty and registration fees have increased, liquor prices have risen, and electricity has become costlier. Tax collections keep rising year after year, yet there is no development. Even AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge admitted the Government has no funds to fix Bengaluru's potholes. If that's the case, where is all the tax money?"

Kumaraswamy also expressed frustration over Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inviting Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inspect Karnataka's guarantee schemes. "What will the Prime Minister do here? Everyone knows the State's situation. Whether he visits or not, we're already monitoring it. If the CM wants to file cases against BJP leaders, let's see it. But first, he should address the State's issues," he said sarcastically.

Blames Siddu for Waqf row

HDK accused the Government of causing confusion over Waqf properties. "Farmers' lands and temple properties are being declared as Waqf assets because of this Government. Even Waqf Minister admitted they're acting on the Chief Minister's directions. The video is viral. The Chief Minister must step in and resolve this," he urged.

"The Government has created this chaos, labelling only farmers' lands as Waqf properties and instilling public fear. Meanwhile, no action is taken against influential individuals who have illegally acquired Waqf properties. The Government must end this deliberate unrest, which is a serious offense," he asserted.

Only ineligible BPL cards will be withdrawn: CM

Bagalkot, Nov. 18 (Agencies)-

Siddaramaiah

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah clarified that only ineligible Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards would be withdrawn, assuring that eligible cardholders would not be affected.

Addressing the media in Bagalkot, the CM stated, "The claim that BPL cards are being cancelled is completely false. We are examining cases where cards have been issued to ineligible persons. Food and Civil Supplies Department is conducting verifications and no final decisions have been made. While ineligible individuals will have their cards revoked, eligible beneficiaries will continue to receive their entitlements."

He questioned if BPL cards should be provided to Income Tax payers and Government employees, emphasising that no blanket cancellation would occur. Only cards held by ineligible individuals would be reclaimed, he said.

Responding to BJP leader R. Ashoka's remarks about freedom from a 40% commission allegation, he noted, "We launched an investigation based on a complaint from Contractors' Association President. Suspects may be released due to insufficient evidence, but that does not mean the crime did not occur. It simply indicates lack of proof."

UoM research students protest

Mysuru, Nov.18 (MTY&TRR)- Members of Researchers Association, University of Mysore (UoM), staged a protest near Crawford Hall recently demanding that the applications of all Other Backward Classes (OBC) research students, who had applied for scholarship, be accepted and given scholarships.

"Of the 21 students who applied for scholarships during the academic year 2024-25, only 12 have been approved. The Administrative Board has rejected 9 applications by citing unacceptable reasons," they alleged.

"Conditions like the applicant must have obtained PG degree from UoM, temporary Ph.D registration letter must be within 3 years from date of notification and age limit of 35 years, have deprived students who got PG degree from other Universities of their scholarships. By limiting scholarships to three years, UoM is causing problems for poor students to continue research. UoM must withdraw all conditions and provide scholarships for 5 years as per UGC rules," they demanded.

Association Hon. President C. Mahesh, Vice-President Lingaraju, General Secretary Kushal, Treasurer Nanjundaswamy and others took part in the protest.

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Kindari Jogi gets a makeover

Yakshagana artistes taking part in Kanaka Jayanti event at Kalamandira this morning pose in front of Kindari Jogi statue.

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (PM&VNS)- The renovated statue of Kindari Jogi was unveiled at Kalamandira premises yesterday.

Originally constructed about three decades ago under the guidance of senior artist Dwarkanath, the statue has now been restored by students of Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA) D. Prithvi, E. Smrudul and S. Minalkumar, who were also mentored by Dwarkanath.

The restoration work included filling cracks and repainting the statue to give it a new look. Former Rangayana Directors C. Basavalingaiah and H. Janardhan, current Director Satish Tiptur, Kannada Development Authority Member T. Gururaj, Ranga Samaja Member Suresh Babu and Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan attened the unveiling ceremony yesterday.

Following this, the 100th show of the popular play 'Checkmate' was staged at Bhoomigeetha in Rangayana. Theatre enthusiasts from across the city gathered to watch the performance, with some standing due to the packed venue, while others left disappointed as tickets were sold out for the show.

Leakage in bridge: No boating at Brindavan Gardens

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (RK&VNS)- Boating facility at the iconic Brindavan Gardens in Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam has been suspended due to water leakage in the bridge connecting the north and south sections of the Garden.

The bridge, measuring approximately 350 feet in length, 12-15 feet in width, and about 15 feet in height, has developed cracks, causing excessive leakage and making it challenging to maintain the water levels necessary for boating.

According to Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL) officials, the boating service was halted three months ago. Although water was initially released for boating due to good inflow to the KRS Dam, reduced rainfall has made it difficult to sustain the required water level, leading to the suspension of boating for the past 20 days.

The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), which operates the boating facility, requested CNNL to provide an estimate for the necessary bridge repairs. In response, CNNL submitted a cost estimate of Rs. 2.5 crore, which KSTDC officials in Mysuru have forwarded to their headquarters in Bengaluru.

KSTDC has requested CNNL to carry out the repairs due to its expertise in such work. However, CNNL has agreed to begin the repairs only after receiving the full payment. The proposed solution involves sealing the leaks with a 1-ft-thick skin wall, with an estimated completion time of 2-3 months.

As a result, visitors to Brindavan Gardens will have to wait another 2-3 months before boating operations can resume.

Kanaka Jayanti celebrated in city

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Former MLA and Samiti President M.K. Somashekar, in his address, said that the Jayanti of the great Saint Kanakadasa is being celebrated like a Mini Dasara in Mysuru. Highlighting the sacrifices of Kanakadasa, freedom fighter Sangolli Rayanna and other saints and warriors, he said the programme will sensitise the people on the messages of these great personalities.

The procession, which began from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple, passed through K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Sanskrit Pathashala, Chamaraja Double Road, N.S. Road, D.D. Urs Road, JLB Road and Vinoba Road, before culminating at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road, where the stage programme took place.

The procession, in which hundreds of people took part, featured more than 10 tableaux and a host of folk and cultural troupes. NCC and College students too were part of the procession.

MLA K. Harishgowda, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, DCP M. Muthuraj, leaders J. Gopi, Shivanna, Purushotham, Beerihundi Basavanna, former Karnataka Pradesha Kurubara Sangha President B. Subramanya, and others were present.

Home Minister hints at action

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Addressing allegations that the BJP is attempting to buy Congress MLAs to destabilise the government, Dr. Parameshwara remarked that while he did not have information on specific amounts, there must be some truth to the rumours as even the Chief Minister might possess evidence. He added that a probe would be ordered if substantial evidence emerged.

Drug trafficking in Bengaluru

On the issue of drug trafficking in Bengaluru, Dr.Parameshwara noted that drugs were being sourced from other States and that extensive raids were underway in areas like Anekal in Bengaluru Rural District.

"We have declared a war on drug peddling, and numerous cases have been registered against traffickers. Reports of certain medical shops selling drugs in tablet form have placed them under Police scrutiny. The Government is committed to making the State drug-free, with no relaxation on anti-drug operations. The Police are also closely monitoring the movements of foreigners visiting the city," he said.

Responding to speculation about a change in State leadership, Dr.Parameshwara dismissed the BJP's claims, stating that the Opposition is merely preoccupied with such rumours due to the Chief Minister's popularity. He added that central agencies could investigate the Chief Minister only if warranted, and accused the BJP-JD(S) combine of continuously making baseless accusations, which people, especially from the Mysuru region, would not tolerate.

Regarding the controversy surrounding the revision of Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards, Dr.Parameshwara defended the Government's action of revoking cards from ineligible individuals. He stated that BPL cards had previously been issued to well-off individuals, and the current administration was merely correcting those errors. "There is no need for unnecessary protests over this issue," he added.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, along with party leaders H.A. Venkatesh, Dairy Venkatesh, and Sadanand, were present at the event.

Last respects to Yoga Guru Sharath Jois

The followers and well-wishers of Yoga Guru R. Sharath Jois paying their last respects to the departed soul at his residence in VV Mohalla this morning. *[See report on page 1]*

Women's Panel Chief flags poor facilities at KSRTC Bus Stand

State Women's Commission Chairperson Dr. Nagalakshmi Chowdhary seen with other officials during her surprise visit to KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand drinking water facility yesterday.

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (BLU&BCT)- In a surprise visit to the KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Karnataka State Women's Commission Chairperson Dr. Nagalakshmi Chowdhary yesterday uncovered multiple lapses in maintenance and facilities, highlighting serious shortcomings by the officials responsible.

During her inspection, Dr. Chowdhary found that the water tank supplying drinking water was infested with insects due to a lack of cleaning, posing significant health risks. The tank had not been cleaned and was contaminated with fungus, posing a health risk to users.

Additionally, the mother care centre lacked essential amenities such as doors, cradles and seating, making it unsafe and uncomfortable for mothers and children.

The inspection revealed further issues, including inaccessible toilets for differently-abled individuals due to broken and unusable facilities. The state of the paid toilets was also poor, raising concerns about sanitation.

The dirty water tank that stores drinking water.

One distressing observation was the absence of designated areas for women to change sanitary pads, an oversight that compromises dignity and basic hygiene.

Dr. Chowdhary noted that the bus stand was inadequately equipped with CCTV cameras, which compromises the safety of the many travellers passing through.

Passengers also expressed the need for more buses on the Chamarajanagar route, emphasising the pressing requirement for improved service frequency.

Moreover, she observed that free drinking water was not available to travellers, leaving many without access to this basic necessity, especially during warmer weather. The contaminated overhead water tank further exacerbates these issues, highlighting poor maintenance practices.

Dr. Chowdhary's findings underscore the critical need for urgent infrastructure improvements and better management at the Mysuru Suburb Bus Stand to ensure safety, hygiene and inclusivity, particularly for women and marginalised groups.

Residents launch snap stir seeking basic amenities

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (BLU&VNS) - The residents of Shobha Garden, located near the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway in N.R. Mohalla, staged a protest this morning demanding basic amenities for their layout.

The protesters stated that despite timely payment of property taxes to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) every year, the layout, which was approved by MUDA, lacks essential amenities such as drinking water, underground drainage (UGD), and street lights.

The residents revealed that MUDA has collected approximately Rs. 25,000 annually in property tax for the past 12 years.

Currently, the residents rely on their own borewell for drinking water, and in the absence of UGD, they have set up a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) within the layout. They have also been covering the cost of street lights.

In addition to these issues, the residents have been demanding that MUDA hand over the layout to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for better governance and service delivery.

However, their requests, which have been ongoing for the past five years, have gone unaddressed. Faced with no other recourse, the residents began an indefinite dharna in the middle of the road, blocking UGD work to N.R. Mohalla.

Present at the protest were Shobha Gardens Residents Association President Mumtaz Begum, Secretary Wg. Cdr. Jabir Tareen, Treasurer Ft. Lt. B.M. Kamath, Prof. Noor Ahmed Durrani, Prof. Aneesa Durrani, Ashraf, Mohammed Sait, Mohammed Umar and others.

No security guards at Chamundi Hill parking lot

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (MTY&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chaired the first meeting of the newly formed Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority on Sept. 3, making crucial decisions aimed at enhancing the Temple's security and development.

One of the important resolutions was the creation of a specialised Task Force to curb criminal activities and oversee the comprehensive development of the Temple.

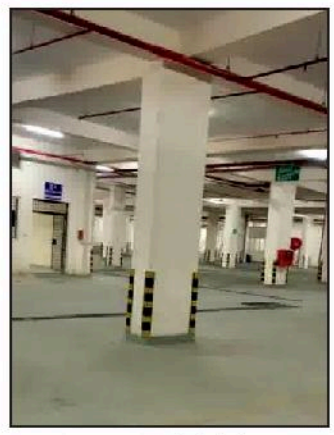
The CM announced a budget of Rs. 11 crore and outlined a series of stringent new regulations. Yet, despite the announcement of measures, the critical issue of devotee security remains a glaring concern, especially given the absence of CCTV cameras in the multi-level parking facility.

Devotees visiting Chamundi Hill last week expressed their unease about the inadequate safety measures.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Karthik Rao, a resident of Nivedithanagar, recounted a harrowing experience.

"When we went for *darshan*, the parking lot was deserted. We were directed to basement-2, which, though illuminated, felt isolated. Around 5.30 pm, there were only about 10 cars present. After completing our *darshan*, we returned at approximately 7.15 pm to find the parking lot empty, creating an unsettling atmosphere," he said.

The open expanse surrounding the parking area adds to the vulnerability, making it easier for potential criminals to escape. "Women, in particular,



are at greater risk. There are no CCTV cameras even in the lifts, which heightens fear. We couldn't help but worry about the possibility of an attack with no one around to help. If something were to happen inside the lift, there would be no immediate rescue," Karthik added.

Parking lots without security are highly vulnerable to crime. "Authorities must install visible video surveillance cameras and monitor them in real-time. Immediate action is needed to hire security guards to ensure the parking lot's safety, as it's remote location, natural hiding spots and insufficient security measures make it an attractive target for thieves," another devotee said.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, M.J. Roopa, Member-Secretary, Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority, assured that security guards will be posted at the parking lots within 10 days. "Security and cleanliness are our priority. We have implemented a FASTag facility at parking to avoid long queues. Earlier, the parking lots were unclean and now they are spic and span. All the concerns regarding security will be addressed," she added.

New security personnel will be appointed in 10 days. Till then, the additional security guards inside the temple complex will be reassigned to man the parking lots. We have called for tenders to install CCTV cameras inside the parking lots and it will take time for installation and operations. We will also enforce a beat system so that security guards will visit all the parking areas frequently.

—M.J. Roopa,
Member-Secretary, Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority

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Ursu Mahila Jagruti Sabha Trust presents awards to achievers

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (GA&TRR)- 'Maharani Lakshmammanni Devi is a role model when it comes to facing difficult situations in life," opined Member of Mysore Royal Family Kamakshi Devi, sister of late scion Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar.

She was speaking after inaugurating the third anniversary celebrations of Ursu Mahila Jagruti Sabha Trust organised at Rotary auditorium on JLB road in city recently. She also inaugurated Prathibha Puraskar and Rajamathe Lakshmammanni Awards presentation ceremony.

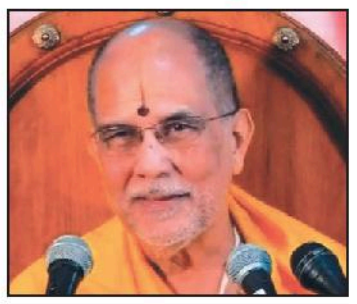
"Tipu Sultan had imprisoned Maharani Lakshmammanni. Despite being in prison, she never felt distraught, but faced all the difficulties and saved her kingdom. Her exemplary courage is something which we should be passed on to our future generations. It is good that, the award is instituted in her name. Ursu Mahila Jagruti Sabha is helping poor women to lead life and it is also commendable that they are building a hostel for women. I wish their service to society continues," said Kamakshi Devi.

Entrepreneur Indrammani Urs, musician S. Annapoornadevi, Dr. Vijayalakshmi Urs. Social worker Sunanda Buglair and artist Poornima Krishna Urs were presented with Lakshmammanni awards.

In addition, Pritam Urs, A. Bindu, Khushi P. Urs, Lavanya Urs, Punya Urs, Sinchana Urs, S. Akshata, Parineeta Urs and Tarun Urs were presented Prathibha Puraskar for scoring high marks in SSLC and PU exams.

Prof. Sathyaprakash Urs of J.T. Institute of Management and Studies, Rural Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar, retired professor Dr. M. Susheela Urs and President of Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Dr. M.G.R. Urs were present.

'Kanakashri' award for Prabhanjanacharya



Vyasanakere Prabhanjanacharya

Bengaluru, Nov. 18- Vyasanakere Prabhanjanacharya of Ballari has been chosen for the prestigious 'Kanakashri' award this year, given as part of Saint Kanakadasa Jayanti.

Announcing this here on Friday, Minister for Backward Classes and Kannada and Culture Shivaraj Tangadagi said Prabhanjanacharya will be conferred the award by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during the Kanakadasa Jayanti celebrations to take place at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru today.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh, a bust of Kanakadasa and a citation.

Srividya Kamath, Nudi Sudarshan steal the show at Solo Theatre Festival

Srividya Kamath (left) of 'Anubhuthi' and Nudi Sudarshan of 'Nudiranga' performing solo plays.

Mysuru, Nov. 18- A two-day Women's Solo Theatre Festival was organised at Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre) in Kalamandira premises recently, under the aegis of city-based theatre troupe Rangavalli.

Day-1 featured a grand performance of Mysuru's woman entrepreneur, Srividya Kamath (of 'Anubhuthi'), who has spread her business of 'light' through aromatic candle-making across the globe. The story of light, flame and darkness, with the name 'Deepadharini', was a power-packed performance of 1 hour, enthralling the audience.

Deepadharini, One-Woman Show was an absolutely sublime theatre — a 70-minute roller-coaster that took the audience on the most unexpected of rides. 'Deepadharini' oscillated between the relatably realistic and completely imaginative narrative styles, with sarcastic humour.

Performance of Florence Nightingale's life story was very informative in the play. Hardly a few of us know that Florence Nightingale, 1st Nurse of the world, also was well-known as 'lady with the hammer' and 'lady with the lamp' and she also invented Pie chart, histogram, polar chart etc., to statistically represent the data of her findings about the injured soldier's health through her interviews.

The solo performance is being performed in 5 different languages — Konkani, Kannada, Hindi, English and Tamil. Srividya Kamath, a Kendra Sahitya Akademy Board of Advisor, for Konkani language has herself translated the script of 'Deepadharini', originally written by Sudha Adukala. The play has been directed by Dr. Sripad Bhat, and music is composed by Anush Shetty.

All the audience, who watched the play, received a small aromatic candle surprise from organisers, Rangavalli, making the event a memorable one.

On day-2, 'Sakkubai Kaamwali' was staged. Sakkubai, story of a maid, which carried quite a lot of humour, took us to the real life scenarios of maids who work in all our homes.

Nudi Sudarshan (of 'Nudiranga'), a software engineer by profession, effortlessly made her debut in the solo play with great impact on audience's minds.

An illiterate maid, Sakku, knows the importance of education and in all struggles of life, she ensures to give her daughter the education she deserves. At the end, in a very heart touching scenario, the daughter tells the mother to start her journey of education when she graduates.

The play, originally written by Bollywood artiste, Nadira Babbar, is translated by D.S. Chougale to Kannada and directed by eminent theatre personality of Mysuru, Hulugappa Kattemani.

Banjara Academy invites applications for Book Award

Mysuru, Nov. 18- Banjara Sanskriti and Bhasha Academy, Bengaluru, has invited applications from eligible writers for presentation of Book Award for the year 2023-24.

Banjara community writers who have produced at least three literary works and published in the same year will be considered for the award. The literary works should have been published prior to 2022-23 or in the year 2023-24.

The books should be restricted to the topics of culture, language, literature, art forms, artistes, cultural leaders and achievers of Banjara community.

The self-written books, with creative work, collection of stories, novels, anthology of poems, biography and essays will be considered for the award.

Interested may submit their application in person along with their bio-data and three copies of the book before Nov. 30, at the Office of Registrar, Banjara Sanskriti and Bhasha Academy, Kannada Bhavan, J.C. Road, Bengaluru or through post/courier. For details, contact Ph: 080-29917745.

Bhajan workshop at Sri Suttur Mutt from Dec. 9

Sri Suttur Mutt, Nov. 18 (TRR)- JSS Mahavidyapeeth and Sri Shivarathri Religious Endowment have jointly organised a Bhajan workshop from Dec. 9 to 14 at Sri Suttur Mutt near the foothills of Chamundi in the city. Interested men and women can participate in the 6-day event.

Expert musicians will guide the participants about the nuances of singing bhajans like Raga, Taala, Sahitya and also about dancing while singing. Only 5 people including Harmonium, Tabla/Khanjara and Dammadi instrument players and singers can participate from a team.

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Prize-winners of District-level Co-curricular Contests

Mysuru, Nov. 18- The students of Vijaya Vittala PU College, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, won prizes in the the District-level Co-curricular Competitions organised by the Department of School Education (PU), Mysuru, at Vidyavardhaka PU College in city recently and have been qualified to take part in the Divisional-level Competitions.

In first PUC section, K.V. Adwaith and Sudharshan Rao won second prize in GK Quiz Contest and in 2nd PUC, M. Pranathi got first prize in Folk Song Contest.

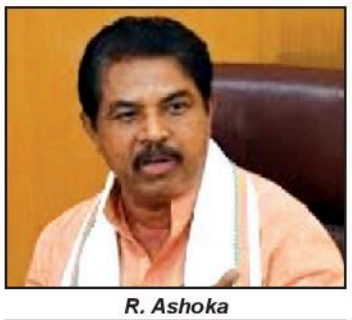
'Set up SIT to probe Rs. 700 cr. collection from excise lobby'

Opposition leader R. Ashoka says 40 percent commission charge against BJP Government was Congress' 'toolkit'

Bengaluru, Nov 18 (Agencies)- Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly and senior BJP leader R. Ashoka has challenged the Siddaramaiah-led Congress Government to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe allegations of collecting Rs. 700 crore from the Excise Department.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Sunday, Ashoka urged the Government to investigate the charges brought forward by the State Excise Merchants Association. He claimed that the Congress party's earlier accusations of a 40 percent commission against the BJP Government were proven false by the Lokayukta report.

"The Congress party misled the public with its 40 percent commission charge against the BJP. Now, Siddaramaiah's administration has become 100 percent corrupt, with evidence surfacing of multiple Ministers looting funds during the last 18 months of Congress rule,"



R. Ashoka

Ashoka stated.

The BJP leader criticised the Chief Minister's assertion of maintaining an unblemished record over his 40-year political career, describing it as a "clean open book." He added, "Every page of this book is marked with black stains, which is truly unfortunate."

Ashoka further clarified Prime Minister Narendra Modi's claim of a Rs. 700 crore 'loot' from the excise lobby to fund the Congress party's election campaign in Maharashtra. "This is not an allegation made by Modi, but by the State Excise Dealers Association," Ashoka said, urging the Chief Minister to read the Association's letter. "Modi merely reiterated the accusations mentioned in the letter; he did not make a direct charge," he explained.

Ashoka highlighted that the allegation made by State Contractors Association Vice-President Ambikapathi regarding the 40 percent commission in BBMP contracts was disproved by the Lokayukta report, dismissing it as part of the Congress party's political 'toolkit'.

Ashoka also flayed the State Government's inability to address key civic issues, such as filling potholes and managing waste disposal.

He accused the administration of increasing taxes and prices, including those for milk, electricity, petrol, diesel, stamp duty and registration charges, while preparing to impose a cess on garbage collection.

He said that the withdrawal of all five Guarantees amounted to a 'sixth guarantee,' warning that the public would ensure the end of Siddaramaiah's tenure.

'Prathap Simha has deprived a writer of his rights'

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (BLU&VNS)- Former MP Prathap Simha, by getting a stay order for the book 'Kattale Jagattu,' written by Praveen Kumar Mavinakadu, has deprived the writer of his rights, said Mysore Rakshana Vedike President M.K. Premkumar here on Saturday.

Prathap Simha

Premkumar spoke after the scheduled book release programme was cancelled at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) as a result of the stay order issued for release and sale of the book by the Court.

Taking exceptions to Prathap Simha, Premkumar said, while nobody had objected or got stay order to the columns written by the former MP where he exposed everyone, he has got the stay order for the book written by Praveen Kumar fearing of him (Prathap Simha) being exposed.

Stating that Prathap Simha must be expelled from BJP, he said that the former MP must not take part in any programmes organised by the party.

Not only Siddaramaiah, every political leader has got MUDA sites: BJP MLA

Hubballi, Nov. 18 (DM)- Senior BJP MLA Basavanagouda Patil Yatnal, a bête noire of senior party leader B.S. Yediyurappa and State BJP Chief B.Y. Vijayendra, who is always in the news for his rather controversial remarks, has claimed that not only Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, but many other leaders from all political parties too have got sites from MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority).

Basavanagouda Patil Yatnal

Speaking to press persons at Hubballi on Saturday, Yatnal maintained that the names of all political leaders who have benefited from MUDA, will come out if a CBI probe is ordered into the MUDA scam. Asserting that there are no 'Harishchandras' in any political party of today, Yatnal accused CM Siddaramaiah of protecting everyone by not handing over the case to CBI.

Sarcastically stating that what a wonderful man Siddaramaiah might be for not handing over the MUDA scam to the CBI, he said that the CM has resorted to 'adjustment' politics.

Commenting on Siddaramaiah's allegation that the BJP was offering Rs. 50 crore each to Congress MLAs in order to bring down his Government, Yatnal urged the CM to order arrest of all those who had offered money, if at all he had any evidence.

Claiming that the BJP would win 150 seats if the Assembly polls were to take place now, he said he has told the BJP High Command not to resort to 'Operation Lotus' in order to destabilise the Siddaramaiah Government.

Asserting that he would function as an MLA until the next Assembly polls, he said that both Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai fooled him, by failing to keep their assurance on making him a Minister.

Govt. to recover special allowance from 36 'undeserving doctors'

Bengaluru, Nov. 18 (TRR)- More than 36 doctors, who were working in Food Safety and Quality Department in Karnataka on deputation basis, have received special allowances worth Rs. 3.5 crore even though they are not eligible for it.

As per rules, specialists and doctors, including Dentists of Health and Family Welfare Department, are given special allowance according to their specialisation and seniority. But it is made mandatory that these doctors of the Department must perform duties related to medical profession.

Hence, doctors who were deputed to work as Food Safety Officers and Quality Certification Officers are not eligible to any special allowance during their period of deputation. In spite of this rule, 36 doctors have been paid 'special allowance' worth Rs. 3.6 crore.

On May 23, 2024, a total of 38 Drawing and Distribution Officer (DDO) codes were created including the offices of Food Safety and Quality Department.

Through Human Resources Management Software, withdrawal of special allowance for all Certification Officers was stalled and even the officers of the Food Safety and Quality Department have been instructed not to avail special allowance.

It is believed that, officials on deputation to Food Safety and Quality Department, working in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bidar, Ramanagara, Davangere, Mysuru Rural, Chikkamagalur, Kodagu, Dharwad and other districts, have received special allowance despite not being eligible since November 2019 to August 2024.Three of such officials have since retired.

The Department has now initiated steps against doctors who have received the allowance illegally. The allowance paid to these doctors will be recovered through deductions from their salaries on instalment basis and the department has directed to deduct the allowance amount paid to the three retired doctors from their monthly pension and remit them to Government Treasury.

Lack in providing proper service

Mysuru District Consumer Forum imposes fine on travel agency

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (KS)- The Mysuru District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum has imposed fine on the owner of 'Travel Comfort,' a travel agency located in Gokulam here, for not providing facilities to the clients, who had gone on a tour through the travel agency.

Shreyas Chandrashekar and his wife, residents of Vijayanagar, had gone on a package tour through 'Travel Comfort' Proprietor Kiran Shetty, also a travel agent. But during the tour, the travel agent failed to provide proper facilities to Shreyas couple resulting in the couple facing mental torture.

Accusing the travel agent of not providing proper facilities, the couple lodged a complaint with the Mysuru District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum against Kiran Shetty seeking reimbursement of Rs. 2,53,000, medical expense of Rs. 25,612 and Rs. 2 lakh compensation.

The Mysuru District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum. which took up the case, conducted an inquiry and ordered Kiran Shetty to reimburse the money along with Rs. 1,29,000 interest, Rs. 50,000 compensation and case expense of Rs. 10,000 to Shreyas Chandrashekar.

Advocate K.C. Ravindra argued on behalf of the complainant.

BJP demands expulsion of Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah as MLC

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (GA&DM)- Strongly condemning Congress MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah's recent remarks questioning the credibility of the Indian judiciary and investigation agencies, the BJP has demanded the expulsion of Dr. Yathindra from the Legislative Council.

Dr. Yathindra

Addressing a press meet here on Saturday, BJP Legal Cell City Convenor Shivakumar said that Dr. Yathindra, while speaking at programmes held at H.D. Kote and T. Narasipur recently, had accused Central agencies such as IT, ED and CBI of acting under the behest of the Centre, targeting only the Opposition leaders.

He pointed out that Dr. Yathindra had also alleged that the Central agencies were working towards proving falsehood as real facts and even the Courts, in most of the cases seemed to have accepted the wrongful findings of these agencies.

"Yathindra's statements are unconstitutional and amount to contempt of Court. As such, legal action must be initiated against the MLC and also his membership of the State Legislative Council must be terminated," Shivakumar said adding that it was not correct on the part of Yathindra to tell lies and question the credibility of the judicial system and Central agencies.

BJP Legal Cell office-bearers G. Nanjundaswamy and H.K. Bhagya, Advocates Sharath and B.N. Gangadharappa were present at the press meet.

WORD OF THE DAY

Steadfast

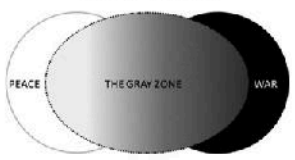
Pronunciation: STED-fast (Adjective)
Meaning: Someone described as steadfast is very devoted or loyal to a person, belief, or cause. Steadfast is also used to describe something, such as support, that remains unchanging.
Origin: Steadfast has held its ground for many centuries. Its Old English predecessor, stedefæst, combines stede, meaning "place," and fæst, meaning "fixed." Steadfast was first used in battle contexts to describe warriors who literally stood their ground, which led to its "immovable" sense, as when Sinclair Lewis wrote of "a castle, steadfast among storms." (The word was also once used to describe steady hands, as well as substances that keep their solid, firm state.) These senses were soon joined by one applied to people's character, implying unswerving faith, loyalty, or devotion; arriving in the 12th century, this meaning has remained steady in the English language ever since.
Example: "Describing the slowness of change is often confused with acceptance of the status quo. It's really the opposite: an argument that the status quo must be changed, and it will take steadfast commitment to see the job through. It's not accepting defeat; it's accepting the terms of possible victory." — Rebecca Solnit, LitHub.com, 11 Jan. 2024

THE ODD WORD

Botanophobia
Fear of plants.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Gray Area



Meaning: The phrase 'Gray Area' refers to something that is unclear or undefined.
Origin: Scholars are uncertain of the exact origin of the phrase 'Gray Area.' What is known is that the term 'gray,' describing the colour gray, originates from the Old English 'græg' and was first used sometime around the 12th century. The word 'area,' denoting a space, comes from Latin 'area' and was not used until the 1530s. The generic sense of the word 'area' as something undefined or unspecific didn't come into being until about 1845, so it is probable that the phrase 'gray area' was coined sometime after that.
Example: "The issue of allowing mobile phones in the classroom is a gray area right now - it could go either way."

QUOTE BOX

Immature love says: 'I love you because I need you.' Mature love says 'I need you because I love you.'—**Erich Fromm**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

S
T
A
R
T

Answer: Standing start.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 WWII group
5 Reverential fear
8 Italian wine
12 Declare
13 Snake
14 The distance crossed by a bridge
15 Permits
17 Needing a pill, perhaps
18 Colloquial word for a lord?
19 A score
21 This may be used on a bed
24 Great deeds
25 Ashes are kept in them
26 Informal goodie given on top of salary
27 Small child
30 Indian Air Force, acronym?
31 Ethiopia's___ Selassie
32 Flow back
33 Palestine Liberation Organization, in short ?
34 Ill at ease
35 South Pacific boat
36 Repeat of, say, a film
38 More sagacious
39 Comment
41 The sesame plant or seed
42 __ __ where is : sales condition? (2,2)
43 Hardened or became bonelike
48 Rational - not crazy
49 Actress ___ Peeples
50 Light fawn colour - "cure" anagram?
51 Holds closely in one's arms with affection
52 To ___ is human?
53 Peruse

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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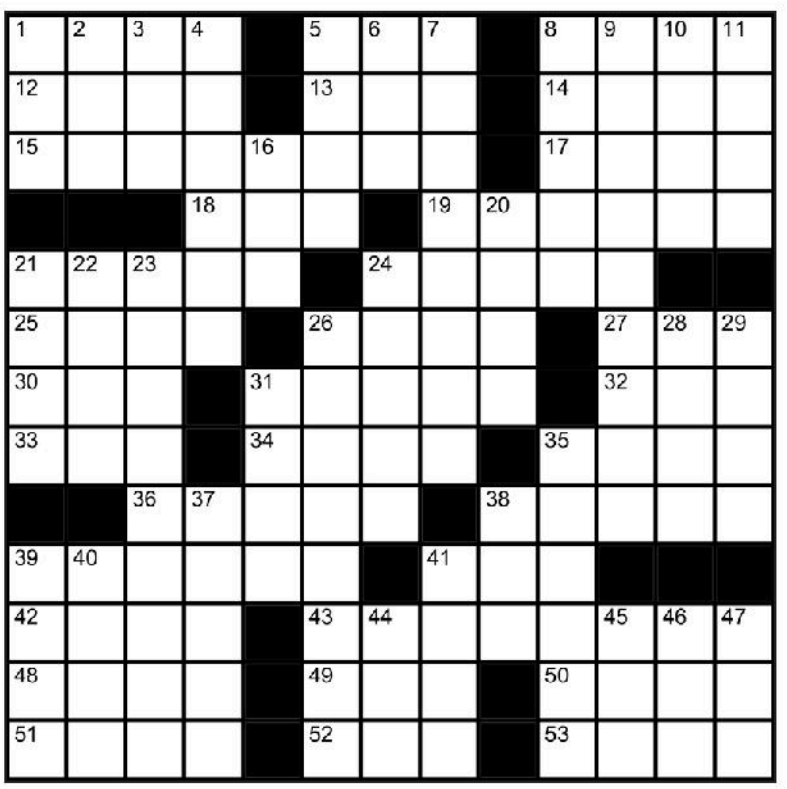
DOWN
1 An East Indian shrub
2 Sixteen for Caesar
3 Summer & Winter Games org.
4 Expands
5 Alphabetical start
6 Tremendous grief
7 From or toward the orient?
8 Useful quality
9 Unmarried women
10 Diplomacy
11 Smudged with writing fluid
16 Crazy person
20 Stop sleeping
21 Epigram
22 Mountain range
23 Acquainting, communicating or disclosing
24 Simulate; invent deceptively
26 Yesteryear badminton star Prakash ____
28 A wood-wind instrument
29 Ski lift - "brat" anagram ? (1-3)
31 Man's title in Germany
35 Steal
37 Makes less severe
38 Nintendo gaming console
39 Impetuous
40 Biblical character
41 An old Russian ruler
44 Knight's title
45 Solid water
46 Long and historical period of time
47 Counterfeit article



SUDOKU

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4			5				3	7
				3	1		4	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	4	9	1	5	3	7	2
7	5	1	8	3	2	9	6	4
3	9	2	4	6	7	5	8	1
6	3	8	5	7	4	1	2	9
1	2	7	6	9	3	8	4	5
9	4	5	2	8	1	6	3	7
2	7	9	3	5	6	4	1	8
4	8	6	1	2	9	7	5	3
5	1	3	7	4	8	2	9	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WFVUCWE BNXXLLGB DCRL VUL

TKKLTPTWXL FJ BNXXLBB.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS C

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: People who have given us their complete confidence believe that they have a right to ours. The inference is false, a gift confers no rights.

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  Kanguva (Ta) - 4 Shows
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  Kanguva (H) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Bhairathi Ranagal (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Bhairathi Ranagal (K) - 4 Shows
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  Bagheera (K) - 4 Shows
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Kanguva (Ta-3D)	(S-1)	10 am, 1 pm, 7.15 pm
Amaran (Ta)	(S-1)	4 pm
	(S-2)	9.40 am, 1 pm
Anand Sreebala (Ma)	(S-1)	10.20 pm
Bagheera (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm; (S-3) 1.10 pm
Gladiator II (E)	(S-2)	7.20 pm, 10.20 pm
The Sabarmati Report (H)	(S-3)	10.35 am, 7.15 pm
Lucky Baskar (Te)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Matka (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Bairathi Ranagal (K)	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
		7 pm, 10 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Bagheera (K)	(S-1)	10 am, 3.55 pm
Kanguva (K-2D)	(S-1)	1 pm, 6.55 pm
Kanguva (Ta-3D)	(S-3)	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Kanguva (Ta-2D)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 5.20 pm
Amaran (Ta)	(S-1)	9.50 pm
	(S-4)	2.10 pm
Amaran (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
	(S-3)	12.40 pm; (S-4) 8.15 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm, 4.25 pm,
		7.05 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	10 am, 6.50 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Kanguva (Ta-2D)	:	8.40 am
Kanguva (Ta-3D)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Kanguva (H-3D)	:	3.50 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K-2D)	:	9.15 am, 10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 3.30 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Gladiator II (E-2D)	:	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Gladiator II (H-2D)	:	3.50 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9.40 am, 12 noon, 6.50 pm
Matka (Te)	:	12.10 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	1 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	3.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Anand Sreebala (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	7.05 pm
Kal Ho Naa Ho (H)	:	9.45 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Gladiator II (E)	:	9 am, 12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	9.05 am, 1.25 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Matka (Te)	:	9.30 am, 4.05 pm
Kanguva (Ta-3D)	:	10.05 am, 3.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 10 pm
Kanguva (K-2D)	:	12 noon
Amaran (Ta)	:	12.10 pm, 7 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	3.40 pm, 10.30 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Gladiator II (E-2D)	:	9 am, 3.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	9.10 am, 1 pm, 3.25 pm, 7.15 pm
		9.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Matka (Te-2D)	:	9.10 am, 3.50 pm
Kanguva (Ta-3D)	:	9.40 am, 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Kanguva (Ta-2D)	:	12.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	12.05 pm, 6.20 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	12.15 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	*6.50 pm*

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Kanguva (Ta-3D)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Kanguva (K-2D)	:	3.50 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9.50 am, 4.05 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	10.05 am, 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 7.25pm, 10pm
Gladiator II (H-2D)	:	10.05 am, 4,05 pm
Gladiator II (E-2D)	:	6.45 pm
Taarakeshwara (K)	:	1.20 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	10.10 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 18)

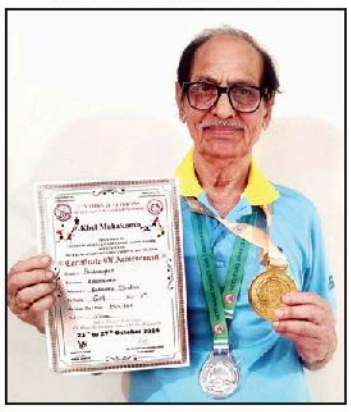
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** Vasundharotsava-2024, performances by Vidu. Shubhada Subramanyam (Germany); Vidu. C.N. Anitha & her disciples, Vidu. Nishchithta Krishna and Vidu. N. Keerthana; Vidu. Roopsi Bhajanehatti (London); Vasundhara Fillozat, Art Historian and Epigraphist, guest of honour, Vasundhara Bhavan, Kalandhika Academy of Arts, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm to 8.15 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** State-level Handloom Expo-cum-Sale titled 'Hathkargha Mela — My Handloom, My Pride - Virasat,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Veerabhadreshwaraswamy and Sri Chamarajeshwaraswamy Temple Trust, D. Banumaiah Road, K.R. Mohalla:** Karthika Maasa Puja Mahotsava, Uyyalotsava, Temple premises, **7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 19)

- **Sri Veerabhadreshwaraswamy and Sri Chamarajeshwaraswamy Temple Trust, D. Banumaiah Road, K.R. Mohalla:** Karthika Maasa Puja Mahotsava, Agni Kondotsava, Temple premises, **6 am.**
- **Karnataka State Government Muslim Employees Welfare Association Welfare Association (Bengaluru), District Unit, Mysuru:** National Education Day celebrations, Academic Workshop, Jaganmohan Palace, **9.30 am.**
- **District History Forum, Mysuru:** History Quiz Competition for District-level PU College Students, University of Mysore (UoM) VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath inaugurates, **10 am;** Valedictory address by Maharaja's Boys Government PU College Principal N. Udayshankar, District History Forum Hon. President M.C. Chandrashekar presides, Government PU College, Manchegowdanakoppal, Hebbal Layout, **10 am.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** State-level Handloom Expo-cum-Sale titled 'Hathkargha Mela — My Handloom, My Pride - Virasat,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal, **10 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Library and Information Centre and IQAC, Vidyavardhaka First Grade College:** National Library Week 2024, workshop on 'Research and Publication Ethics,' University of Mysore Senior Professor and DoS in Library and Information Science Chairman Dr. M. Chandrashekara resource person, College Principal Dr. S. Marigowda presides, Sri P.M. Chikkaboraiah Hall, College premises, Seshadri Iyer Road, **2 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** Vasundharotsava-2024, Dance productions 'Sanmarga' by senior disciples of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha President Sridhar Raje Urs guest of honour, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike in Kuvempunagar. **5.30 pm.**
- **Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu:** Staging of Kannada play 'Satyavanne Heluththene,' directed by former Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 94484-22343]

A scene from the Kannada play 'Satyavanne Heluththene.'

Cartoonist excels in Badminton



B.V. Panduranga Rao

Mysuru, Nov. 18- Noted cartoonist B.V. Panduranga Rao participated in the 3rd National Veterans Sports & National Games Badminton Tournament held at Nashik recently.

He has won first prize in Doubles and third prize in Singles in the 80-plus age group.

Rao took part in yet another Senior Citizens Get-together Badminton Tournament held at Salem on Nov. 13 and 14 and claimed Runners Trophy in both Doubles and Singles category in 80-plus age group.

The 81-year-old is practicing Badminton for the past 55 years without break and has won many prizes participating in numerous Veterans Tournaments at State and National-level.

Multifarious, Rao played Cricket at All India level Cricket Tournaments and was Madhya Pradesh State Panel Cricket Umpire too.

Rao is a retired Engineer from Bhilai Steel Plant. He was born in Mysuru and studied at Chamundipuram Middle School and Hardwicke High School before continuing his studies in Bengaluru. Rao is a cartoonist by hobby and has etched his name at Global level by winning awards at International Cartoons Contests.

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